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EASTER TRIP A SUCCESS

We have heard from time immemorial that there is nothing on earth in the way of enjoyment and a real good time like the Musical Club's trips, and especially the Easter trips. The retiring Clubs heartily desire to corroborate this broad and flowery statement. Never in the history of the Clubs has a more successful season been carried through. The best we can say is that the trip was one grand success.

The ball was started rolling in Utica on Friday evening, April 1. For once in a lifetime Utica favored Hamilton with a full house, which was unusually appreciative. The management had gone to considerable expense for this concert, but was amply rewarded. This is the first time in some years that the Clubs have given their complete repertoire in Utica and it is needless to say, made a most favorable impression. After the concert dancing was enjoyed until one o'clock, when the Clubs returned to Clinton for a much needed rest after the usual strain of examination week. The Clubs rested Saturday and Sunday.

Monday evening started the real trip with a concert at Albany. Evidently Albany admirers had not forgotten the concert of two years ago, for the Clubs were greeted by a large audience.

Both Clubs performed with a snap and vim that was delightful, and surely deserved the repeated encores to which they responded. The smoker given to the men at the University Club was thoroly enjoyed. Prof. Davenport had kindly arranged an audience with the Governor for Tuesday noon, and the Clubs had the honor of meeting him at that time.

Kingston was the next stop. Here the Clubs were strangers, but they more than lived up to their standards, and they left happy recollections behind them. Entertainments were enjoyed after the concert in the form of a number of private parties.

Up to this time the weather was ideal, but early in the evening a severe thunder shower set in, which continued thruout the evening, and Hudson did not turn out as well as might have been expected under more favorable conditions. In spite of this fact the concert was unusually good.

At this point great apprehension was felt for Rex and Jake, who had mysteriously disappeared in Kingston during the forenoon, but they finally escaped after heroic efforts, and arrived just in time for the concert, safe, but not sound.

Thursday morning dawned "brite and fare." An early start was made, arriving at Middletown late in the afternoon. As usual a crowded house greeted the Clubs, and a more enthusiastic audience could not have been desired; encores to every number were exhausted and it was ruled by all as one of the best concerts on the trip. After the concert dancing was enjoyed until the "wee hours" of the morning; with the assistance of Middletown's bevy of pretty maidens, a more delightful time could not have been had.

Every one was looking forward to Tarrytown, for memories of two years ago were still fresh in minds of many. The concert was given in the Baptist Church, which was filled to the doors. Possibly the subdued air of a church dampened the spirits somewhat, for there was a certain lack of snap and go apparent in most of the numbers. Tho the concert was not up to the standard, the audience showed their appreciation by continued and hearty applause. Dancing was enjoyed after the concert until one.

Saturday morning found the Clubs on their way to New York. The afternoon was spent by many at the theatres and other amusements. Before the concert an alumni dinner was given at the Fifth Avenue Restaurant to which the Clubs were invited. It was a great success and was one of the most enjoyable events on the trip. The concert was held at the Waldorf. Every where in the audience familiar faces could be seen, there being more than a hundred alumni present. The intermission was turned into a regular alumni reunion. The concert was easily the finest given by Hamilton Clubs in some years.

Monday evening closed the trip with a concert at Liberty. Tho not a large town, a good-sized audience witnessed the last performance of the Clubs, and responded with hearty applause. Sarles, who was in his home town, was at his best, and rendered his solos in a way that was delightful. The concert was marred at the end by the necessity of a number of men leaving previous to the completion of the concert. But the ever present "Dinq" day was calling from afar and its summons had to be obeyed. After the concert the men were royally entertained at a "sugaring off" party. This was a novelty to many and was thoroly enjoyed. The following noon the men left Liberty with most pleasant memories, arriving in Clinton toward evening, and immediately sought the road to slumberland.

No one is deserving of greater credit than Manager Engs. Not only had he arranged a splendid trip after much difficulty and many reverses, but his oresight and diligence in looking out for every detail, for necessities and comfort was most admirable, and resulted in carrying the entire trip thru without the slightest hitch or delay.

Hastings and Hemenway, as leaders, did splendid work and deserve the full share of credit. Not a noticeable hitch occured in either Club during the whole trip which is indeed a remarkable record.

Future Clubs would do well to set the Musical Clubs of 1910 as a standard to live up to in years to come.

COLLEGE SUPPER

Last Sunday evening a College Supper was served at the Commons under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., after which Senator Davenport and Mr. Frank C. Myers, Princeton, '09, gave short addresses.

The student body was there in force, and the speakers were listened to with the greatest interest. After every one had satisfied the inner man with the good supper prepared, ex-President Knox of the Y. M. C. A. introduced Senator Davenport, who spoke on the political morals of the State and Nation.

He said in part:

"The struggle that is going on now at Albany is between Materialism and Idealism. In order to get a better understanding let us look back on the history of America. We see the same struggle going on between the Whigs and the Tories. Washington, Hamilton and Jefferson were all great Idealists. Washington was the great founder of the nation. Hamilton was the great politician, but with him poli-

ties was a religion; his ambition law and order. Jefferson stood for liberty, but liberty under the law. From then until the Civil War Idealism held sway.

"The most supreme Idealist of them all was Lincoln; a practical man with two firm beliefs: faith in the people and faith in that which is right. After the Civil War great prosperity sprang up in the land. Men had a passion to accumulate unearned wealth. The same spirit has shown itself in politics. Every where politics became corrupted. The business world and politics entered into corrupt relations.

He concluded by saying that the war of Idealism against Materialism and corrupt politics was continually going on but Idealism must soon conquer. "America will then lay her hand upon the heads of her honest politicians and say, "These are my jewels.'"

Mr. Frank C. Myers followed with a very forceful address upon the work of the Y. M. C. A., and gave some examples taken from personal experiences. He spoke briefly upon the work of the Y. M. C. A. among the railroad men, and with what success this line of work has met.

The meeting was very instructive and satisfactory and it is hoped that many more of them can be held during this term.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Advisory Board met Thursday evening in Silliman hall to take action on several matters that were postponed from last term. Barrows, '06, reported as Chairman of the committee which was appointed to definitely ascertain the opinion of the Alumni regarding the proposed system of graduate coaching.

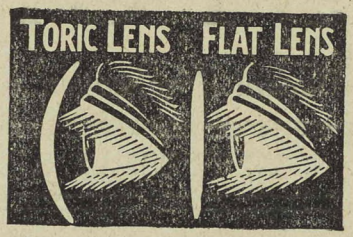
Upon the motion of Capt. Sidle, the Board voted to adopt the new system which will be inaugurated next season. Manager Gouge was instructed to secure the services of Moore, ex-'10, as field coach to act in cooperation with the staff of alumni coaches.

Prof. Carruth, as Treasurer of the Association, read a report of the Alumni subscriptions and the result of the first instalment of the Student Tax.

A motion was passed to the effect that any person who should pay to the Treasurer of the Association the amount of the Student Tax should be entitled to the regular student ticket.

The Board granted permission to Manager Gouge to sign a two years' contract with Haverford, establishing football relations with that institution. The game next season will be played at Haverford, and the following year on the Campus.

A Freshman baseball schedule was presented and was favorably received by the Board, pending further action by the Faculty.



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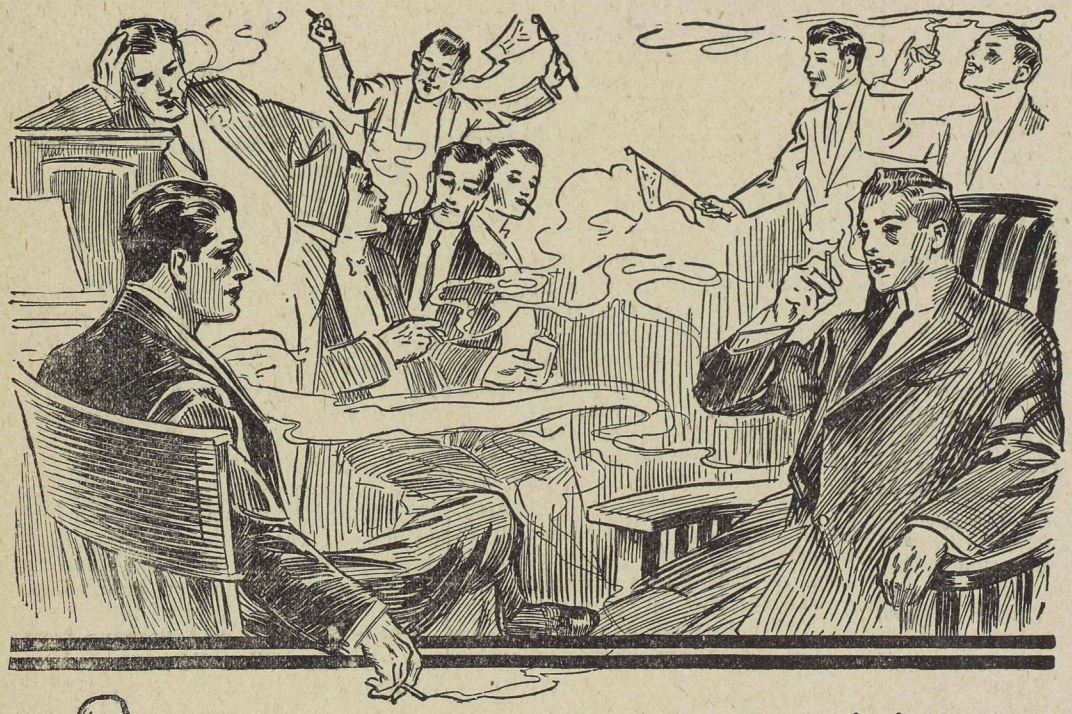

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THE QUESTION of Football coaching for next season was settled at the Advisory Board meeting Thursday evening, when it was unanimously voted to establish the graduate system at Hamilton. The proposition of graduate coaching was suggested to the Advisory Board some time ago by Barrows, '06, and has been the subject of much discussion since that time.

The attitude of the Faculty and many of the alumni seemed to be in favor of the plan, and were influenced in their opinion by all the excellent features of the graduate system so successful at Yale and other large institutions. Our own attitude, and we feel safe in saying, the attitude of the College was opposed to the adoption of the plan to go into effect next Fall. Athletic conditions did not seem favorable to the immediate adoption of any new system which might in any way impair the prospects of a winning team for next season.

The change in the attitude of those who were opposed to the graduate system for next Fall was due to the recent changes in the game adopted by the Rules Committee. The style and system of play that have been used here during the past two years will have to be altogether revised in order to meet the demands of the new game. In view of the present conditions therefore it would seem to be a most opportune time to try out the new coaching system.

With Moore, ex-'10, to direct the work on the field, and with the staff of alumni coaches to study out the problems of the new game, the coaching department for the next season seems to be well provided for.

Football conditions are every where more or less upset as a result of this recent revolution of the game and it is safe to say that the most successful teams next season will be the ones that have most thoroly mastered the rules and have most readily adapted themselves to the new game. The changes in the playing rules are especially favorable to teams of our size and weight, but in order for us to succeed, much more work than usual must be done in preparation for the coming season. We should not leave all this preliminary work until next September, but should arrange for a long and thoro spring practice in order to master the rules by which the game must be played next Fall.

The old game is gone. Let's get busy and learn the new.

WE ARE PROMPTED by the new Faculty ruling, which provides that any failure on the chapel platform shall be immediately considered as a delinquency, to offer a few suggestions to those classes who attend these chapels.

For a long time the men have been rather severe critics of the chapel appearances, not hesitating to consider as legitimate sport the speaker who appears nervous or unprepared. The man who has neglected thoroly to memorize his speech deserves little sympathy, but often the memory will slip and the sort of "encouragement" which is usually given on such occasions does not assist the speaker to collect his scattered thoughts. When a speaker is really nervous, and many are,—especially among the Freshmen,—to cluck at him is not exactly charitable. But since the present rule inflicts such a severe penalty on a single failure, not to give all possible encouragement to a speaker is certainly meanness. Give him a chance. How easy it is to keep still and thereby permit him to regain his composure. Think it over. You who have never broken, imagine yourself in the unfortunate's place; you who have experienced the hollow sensation of forgetting need little urging to do the right thing.

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK last night the baseball team left for New York, and today the first game of the season is played at South Orange, N. J., against Seton Hall. On Wednesday the team will be in Pennsylvania for a game with Dickinson, and on Thursday and Friday will play two games in Virginia against Randolf Macon and Eastern College.

This is the first Southern training trip ever taken by the team and it was only through the generosity of Mr. Alexander P. Soper that the trip was made possible.

The purpose of the trip is primarily to afford the team some early practice preliminary to the regular schedule. Incidentally of course we hope to win a majority of the games, but it is Captain Judson's intention to give ever man an opportunity to play so that the weeding out process can be done early and the regular line up established in time for the first game of the regular schedule.

A CONVERSATION!

Groucher was reading a magazine as I took the seat beside him after the fat lady had got up. He only looked up to say "Hello! Ute again?" and went on reading. In a few minutes, "Seen this?" He held up the March *Lit*.

"Yes," I said, splendid number, don't you think?"

"Yes, pretty fair," in a tone of indifference.

"Pretty fair!" I exclaimed with some heat. "Come now, tell me when you've seen a better one. Do you mean to say that the *Lit* was any better in our day? You'll look a long time before you'll find a more creditable undergraduate publication from any college of the small college class."

"Well, yes, I suppose that's so. They do seem to have some pretty fair writers on the Hill. I'm glad that there are some men who appreciate the chance to write for publication. There ought to be more of them."

"That's good," I said, "coming from you, Grouch. What did you ever have in the *Lit* except a Sophomore Chapel essay, and your K. P., and if you're like me, you read that K. P. once a year to remind you how young you once were. I have a picture of you working for the *Lit*."

"Well, I wish I had. I'd have got something out of my college course that I miss now."

"Why," I went on, "you'd be proud if you could sign your name to any thing as good as that story of Dounce's, or that article of Wisehart's on Dr. Peters. I should like to see more articles like that. There must be lots of those old fellows whose lives were full of romance, if some one would only work them up. And that story of Dounce's—I should think even you must recognize that he has caught the mood and held it beautifully—the twilight Campus in June, the poor, unhappy Freshman communing with his new-spanked soul. There's stuff in that story that ought to stir some thing down deep in any alumnu.s

"Oh, yes, pretty fair story," as if

the admission hurt him. But *Gibby!* What a name!"

"Why yes, didn't you get that, Grouch? Latin Professor, wasn't he? Taught gibberish."

"Oh!" said Groucher. Then, after a pause, while he flipped over the leaves, "How can a fellow who can write such good, plain English as Wisehart does in most of that article on Twink, perpetrate such a mess as that last sentence? I suppose he had an idea when he started to write it, but the poor thing died 'aborning.' And that rot about Twink's humanness being more remarkable than his brains! Nothing astonishing about humanness in a human being!"

"But in a *professor,* Grouch?"

"I hadn't thought of that," said Groucher.

"This stuff about the boat race is pretty good," he resumed. "Isn't there an episode made of that Saratoga regatta in some college novel?"

"Yes, 'Hammersmith.' Harvard story, wasn't it?"

"Yale, I think. I read it once when I was sick three days."

"What do you think of these Campus Odes of Dounces? Good, aren't they? He has an undeniable talent for getting atmosphere, or mood, or whatever the critics call it."

"Yes, his verse has distinction. But I wish he'd work toward a clearer style. I think it wouldn't impair the 'curious felicity' he often shows. Some places in his verse read mighty hard to me. And hasn't he mixed up Diana and Venus? What's Venus got to do with the moon? Or did Diana ever have a love affair with Mars? I thought her only lapse was that sentimental mixup with Endymion."

"Couldn't say. No lady's reputation is safe at the hands of my mythology. What do you think of the next, Wisehart's Chapel dec.?"

"Well, I share Old Foureyes' fear that he hadn't made himself quite clear. The last I heard the College was a peach and a pippin, and here it's an apple orchard. Next you know, it'll be a chew of finecut, or a horse and buggy. I know just how the old boy felt when he sat down. I've been there myself. He *had* been some maudlin. I'd have been glad to help him hand that toastmaster one. Maybe the old geezer was full. I wonder what the acknowledgment was when it came. I'll bet someone threw a plate of mush."

"Grouch," I said, "you're a good deal coarser than you are witty. That's no way to talk about sentiment for Alma Mater."

"Oh, well," he grumbled, "I'm getting kind of sick of this 'little old lady' talk. The College isn't an old woman. If I've got to think of it as a her, I'd rather it should be a fine, strapping woman about thirty, like

'Flanagan's daughter Nell,
With an arm on her like Sullivan,
A blow from her fist would tell,'

—like that settler's wife we saw up in the woods last summer, with the raft of kids. *You* remember, the one that ran out with an axe and killed the bear that got into the pigpen."

"Grouch," I said, " it pains me to tell you—but I must—that you are a ribald groveller, and that you don't even know what blasphemy and sacrilege mean."

Groucher merely grunted. Then he went on.

"These next two articles aren't very colorful, but the Freshman's is by far the better written. Where were the editors to let some of the Sophomore's stuff get by them—plural subjects with singular verbs, and so on? The article isn't one of the 'most arboreta' in the number. He's even cut the tail off President Backus's first name."

"Well, Dounce's characters used to swear like pirates. This expurgation is only a sign of newfound zeal in the Board for purity of language."

"This on the Faculty in their college days isn't half bad," I said.

"No, it's all right. Of course, you couldn't expect Glover to be hampered by the trammels of fact. The facts, fortunately, aren't to be had."

"Pretty good, this on the history of the *Hamiltonian.*"

"Yes, pretty fair, after it gets going. But the editors were asleep at the switch again, when that wreck at the bottom of page 314 happened. Too bad, too, after Parry had worked so hard to drag Robinson Crusoe in by the footprint. And isn't 'metamorphose' a sweet word—whether it means what you want to say or not? And is this the way to spell it, 'synonomous?"

"Don't blame the editors for printer's errors, Grouch."

"Huh! Printer's errors!" he exploded "Let me tell you there's no such thing. Who gets out the *Lit*—the editors or the printer? No, sir, I'll bet you they let each contributor read his own proof, and some, like Dounce and the Freshman, did it well, and some like Wisehart and the Sophomore, did it rotten. It doesn't have to be so, either. The February number shows that they *can* read proof."

"Oh, come," I said, "bad proofreading isn't a mortal sin."

"Perhaps not. But it's just as bad for a magazine of the *Lit's* standing and aspirations to have such rotten bad blobs in the printing, as for a man to address a distinguished audience with black finger nails and a greasy collar. Look at that stuff of Wisehart's — 'Catonia,' 'Tochygraphische Akhurtzurgen in Griechischen Hordschirften,' 'Astromische Nochrichtea.'"

"Those are foreign words. Probably Wisehart found them so in his sources."

"No, he didn't. He corrected one slip in the report of Dr. Hall's address, and then fell for 'Astromische,' in spite of the correct form appearing four or five times elsewhere in the report. Glover can blame his on the *Hamiltonian*—all but 'laxy'—but he ought to have known better. And there are any number of cases of bad punctuation."

"Come off, Grouch," I said. "There are only a few blobs and you ought not to be so sore. I'll admit they look like carelessness, or ignorance; but you know yourself that you never corrected a proof without leaving at least one bad blunder to a page. And as for punctuation, yours is as bad as anybody's."

"May all be. I'm only telling you how these blobs in the *Lit* make me feel. They're a scurf on the College, the way I look at it."

"What's the matter with you, Grouch? Your breakfast disagree with you? What a merry little knockfest you've been having! You'll feel better, now that you've got all that out of your system. Do you mean to say that even your crossgrained, cornfed mind can't see that the number is distinctly a credit to the Lit Board, the contributors and the College? Where did you ever see a more attractive getup. And don't the contents justify the title 'Literary' Magazine? It's bound to leave a good impression on the mind of any stranger who reads it, and it ought to encourage the Alumni to send in their subscriptions. By the way, paid yours yet?"

"What's this? Blandina?" said Groucher, getting up suddenly, and trampling on my feet, as he plunged into the aisle. "Confound it! I wanted to get off at the Library."

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HILL NOTES

—Hemenway, '10, is ill with tonsilitis.

—Sarles, '10, is suffering from a badly inflamed foot.

—Ogilvie, '13, has been obliged to remain at home owing to eye trouble.

—Wenigmann and Thompson, ex-'12, have reentered college in the Freshman class.

—The *Literary Digest* of March 26 contains an article on New York politics and makes special mention of Senator Davenport. His portrait accompanies the article.

—The Flag Row this year dwindled into the nocturnal efforts of a few Freshmen to pull down a green pennant that had been placed there earlier in the evening by some ambitious members of 1912.

—Manager Batchelor of the Freshman baseball team has games arranged with several neighboring teams. Three are to be played on the Campus during the spring.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATING

A meeting of the Union-Colgate-Hamilton Debate League was held in Clinton on April 11, to arrange for coming debates. It was decided to continue the debating under the present agreement for the coming three years. A few minor changes were made: all restrictions are removed from the action of the judges; an eligible list from which judges are to be chosen is to be made; teams are to make their own arrangements and pay all their own expenses when away from home, just as athletic teams do; the debates are to be held on the last Fridays of February. Professor Calvin L. Lewis of Hamilton was chosen executive officer for the year.

Another important matter discussed was the holding of an Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest under the auspices of the league. The representatives of the three colleges unanimously favored the idea, and the executive member was authorized to communicate with other colleges to ascertain whether enough are willing to enter and support such a contest to warrant holding it.

It was evident from the discussion that interest in public speaking in the three colleges of the league is increasing, as it is so generally throughout the country.

"UNCLE JOHN'S" GYM SHOW

Uncle John and his troupe of performers gave the College a very entertaining evening last term. Uncle had prepared a varied program, including a few track events, held on the second floor, also exhibitions of the use of nearly every piece of apparatus in the gym.

The best numbers on the program were the acrobatics of Colson, '11, Clapp, '13, and Ingersoll, '13; the bag-punching of McGovern, '12, and the Roman Ladders. Nixon, '12, and Root, '12, in comic garb, provided considerable amusement to the spectators by their antics on the springboard.

Superintendent DeRegt's son, a lad of about five years, astonished the audience by his agility in his act with Uncle John, whose time spent in training the boy had seemingly not been wasted. Alvord, '12, in the high dive fell far below his form of the preceding weeks when he had repeatedly beaten the record of 5ft. 9in. He was able to clear only 5ft. 6in.

Several bouts of boxing were interspersed among the various contests, and in these McGovern showed considerable cleverness.

The last number was a bout between Trout, '13, and T. Jessup, '13. Trout strove manfully to land mighty blows but could not overcome the footwork of Jessup, who won the bout by a large margin.

In addition to the College body, a considerable number of friends was present.

The show lacked snap and was too long, but this fault was probably caused by the fact that few of the performers had ever entered a similar affair and were consequently unacquainted with the manner of procedure.

ECHOES FROM NEW YORK

Very few people ate any thing at the supper given before the New York concert. Not that Aron provided poor nourishment, but every one was kept busy talking and laughing or "at times by merely yelling." And singing! Prex saw to that. He wandered from table to table—leathern lunged—and pronounced the whole affair better than a "dozen dull annual dinners."

The alumni fairly burst with pride over the success of the concert itself. The fellows have never done any thing better than the clubs of the last two years. The Hall of the Waldorf was vilely crowded—black suits and fluffy gowns—with people oozing out into the adjoining rooms. The thought of having Sarles—whose voice is as wonderfully fine as ever, the while he has learned to handle it better and better—and the cherubic Hastings, whose delectable smile thrills the hearts of all good maids from six to sixty-six—the thought of losing them is depressing. Yet Allen is a tower of strength—good voice and good comedy. He shone in the New York concert. And there are others. Heidner and Woods pleased mightily.

The sounds had hardly died away when the Alumni began to ask when they should have the Clubs with them again. Why not next winter? Let Manager Anibal cock his ear in this direction and he will hear murmurs of promised support already.

THE FOUNTAIN ROW

The suppressed atmosphere that overhung the College last week suddenly culminated in a mighty precipitation, and as a result the two underclasses, perforce, took the time-famed ablutions that are supposed to remove the last traces of the proverbial slime. The aqueous ceremonies were performed at the College Fountain, and the cleansing was thoro.

The storm broke so suddenly and with such violence that the few unwary Freshmen who were the victims of the first outburst were submerged before their cohorts could reach the scene of action, but their cries of distress soon brought out the whole Freshman crew, and their attempts at rescue were heroic. Standing room in the flood was at a premium, all the seats having been taken. But each man in his willingness to give his fellow a chance, vacated with celerity. In many cases their spirit was rewarded with another "dip" in the watery depths.

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